of Rajasthan. This SLP challenges the quashing of criminal case No. 468/02 pending before the Court of CJM, Bundi, by the Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court on 18.12.2006. This case against the Company was filed by the Drugs Inspector of Rajasthan on the basis of the test report of injection Dexona, B.No. 8358 manufactured by M/s Cadila Health Care Ltd. Which was found 'not of standard quality'.

Cases of AIDS in Orissa

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIDS is spreading its tentacles in coastal districts of Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of the causes for its fast spread is the foreign tourists and infiltrators from Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of the Centre to help the State, both financially and physically, to control this menace?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) As per the HIV Sentinel Surveillance data, four districts in Orissa namely Anugul, Bolangir, Bhadrak and Ganjaw have been identified as category 'A' districts *i.e.* districts having HIV prevalence of more than 1% among Ante-natal women representing General Population. The probable reasons for spread of HIV infection in Ganjam and Bhadrak, which are coastal districts are (a) large scale out migration to far flung areas like ship breaking, yards in Bhavnagar and various industries in Surat and Gandhi Nagar in Gujarat and Mumbai (b) Number of National Highways and large number of truckers passing through the districts have increased the vulnerability of these districts. However, there is no evidence regarding the spread of HIV in these districts due to foreign tourist and infiltrators from Bangladesh.

In order to check the spread of HIV/AIDS in the state, Government of India had launched the National AIDS Control Programme Phase III, through State AIDS Control Societies with the goal to halt and reverse the epidemic in the country over the next 5 years by integrating programmes for prevention, care, support and treatment. However, the primary focus is given to preventive efforts focusing on high risk population consisting of female sex workers, men having sex with men, injectable drug, users truckers and migrant population. In order to make people aware about HIV/AIDS and promote safe behaviours, NACO and State AIDS control Societies conduct regular IEC campaigns through mass media and inter-personal communication channel. During these compaigns, the information regarding availability of counseling and testing services is also provided to the community. A special train (Red Ribbon Express) has been launched on 1st December, 2007, to spread the HIV/AIDS Awareness messages in various Rural areas. Rupees 15.06 crores have been allocated to Orissa state during the financial year 2007-08 for implementing the programme.